

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2022

Commissioner R. Michael Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman R. Michael Keith, present
Commissioner Robin A. Gorman, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, present

Also, in attendance were Solicitor Matthew T. Budash and Chief Clerk Robin Maryai.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Keith led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...AUGUST 10, 2022

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 10, 2022.

COVID UPDATE

Tom Stutzman reported the CDC COVID Community level increased last week to the "MEDIUM" rating, in the CDC's "COVID-19 Community Level". This indicates increased numbers in hospitalizations and case rates during the period. PADOH's early warning monitoring, for last week, indicated the PCR testing rates at 17.3%, this is a slight reduction from the previous week, however, it's much higher than the last report on August 10th. There was one new COVID related death reported by PADOH, the total number of COVID related deaths in Indiana County is at 372. The CDC's website indicated a 45.69% increase in COVID Cases in their last report on August 21st. They also reported a 10.39% increase in COVID Testing. COVID Vaccinations throughout the region have slowed significantly. Based on CDC data, updated at the end of last week, the region has only had 0.03% increase in "Fully Vaccinated" and 0.05% increases in "Booster Vaccinations". IRMC reported increases in their overall census, about 100 patients on certain days. They also showed an increase in inpatient COVID cases, as well as some COVID cases in ICU. No increases have been reported this week. PADOH's COVID Community Transmission rate for all of Pennsylvania is in the "HIGH" Rate category.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeannie Broskey, Kay Smith, Anne Simmons, Susan Welch, Cindy Rodgers and Lizanne Porter made public comment regarding the Sanctuary 2nd Amendment Ordinance and/or gun violence.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim September 2022 as International Underground Railroad Month in Indiana County and encourage all citizens of the county and region to acknowledge this important aspect of history.

PROCLAMATION...SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of September 4 – 10, 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Week in Indiana County and September as National Suicide Awareness Month in Indiana County.

INDIANA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PLAN FY 2022-2023 / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (BDHP), a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Indiana County Human Services Block Grant Plan for FY 2022-2023. This is an annual plan required by all counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to complete in order to identify local needs, develop goals and identify and track outcomes that support the implementation of services. Counties are responsible to complete the planning process and submit plans which describe how services are delivered in the areas of mental health, intellectual disabilities, homeless assistance, substance abuse disorder and the human services development fund. The plan also describes the coordination and cooperation efforts of all services and agencies. The agencies included in the block grant are Indiana County Department of Human Services, Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission, and BDHP. The total for both counties is \$7,213,720.00.

CONTRACT...LAMAR BILLBOARDS / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Lamar Billboards to advertise Covid 19 vaccinations for residents in the amount of \$17,870.00. The cost will be covered under the Pennsylvania Rural Health Program Grant.

CONTRACT...CRANE OUTDOOR BILLBOARDS / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Crane Outdoor Billboards to advertise Covid 19 vaccinations for residents in the amount of \$24,650.00. The cost will be covered under the Pennsylvania Rural Health Program Grant.

CONTRACT...BREE RICE / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Bree Rice, Designer of Crane Outdoor to advertise Covid 19 vaccinations for residents in the amount of \$4,450.00. The cost will be covered under the Pennsylvania Rural Health Program Grant.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND ICCAP / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a cooperation agreement between Indiana County and ICCAP to provide nutritional Workshops with eligible Indiana County Residents from HSDF funds in the amount of \$3,000.00.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND HEAD START / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a cooperation agreement between Indiana County and Head Start to provide educational, interactive sessions on accidental poisoning, home safety plans and prevention, and summer and outdoor safety for early Head Start families from HSDF funds in the amount of \$8,557.00.

FY 22-23 CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA SHARING AGREEMENT / CYS

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the FY 22-23 Child Welfare Information System Data Sharing Agreement. The Department of Human Services uses data collected from the county system for state level data sharing and program coordination to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Commonwealth Child Welfare Programs.

AGREEMENT...THOMAS RIVOSECCHI / CYS

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Thomas Rivosecchi, Esq. to review the agency's Indicated Child Protective Services investigations at the rate of \$120.00 per hour. Attorney Rivosecchi also substitutes solicitor for matters of dependency, terminations, and appeal hearings

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 22-23 / CYS

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with George Junior Republic of PA, Grove City, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc., Tionesta, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with The Children's Home of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

AGREEMENT...DEREUME DUNKEL ROOFING COMPANY / MAINTENANCE

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Dereume Dunkel Roofing Company to replace three flat roof sections on the courthouse at the cost of \$49,054.00. it is noted that Dereume Dunkel Roofing Company was the lowest of four (4) COSTAR providers.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – ICCAP FOOD BANK RENOVATION DEMOLITION PHASE / PLANNING

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) and Stiffler McGraw, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 with LMJ Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,875.00 on the ICCAP Food Bank Renovation Demolition Phase Project. Change Order #1 is to remove all existing metal ductwork in the warehouse facility. The revised contract with LMJ Contractors, Inc. with approval of Change Order #1 will be \$50,575.00 and the additional cost will be covered with Keystone Communities Program (KCP) Grant Funds

AGREEMENT...CONNECTREX / PROBATION

At the request of James Decker, Probation Office, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a 5-year service agreement with Connectrex Service Agreement at the cost of \$37,385.00. This is a client management system being adopted throughout Pennsylvania and complies to standards that are set by JNET and PCCD.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...DONATINI, INC. / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an equipment purchase from Donatini, Inc. in the amount of \$34,180.76. This equipment will replace external camera on the Mobile Command Post which is failing with Military Grade Equipment. It is noted this pricing is under COSTARS pricing.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...PACKETLOGIX, INC. / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an equipment purchase from Packet Logix, Inc. in the amount of \$19,115.36 and a onetime, lifetime, Enterprise License in the amount of \$6,890.00. This equipment will add environmental systems monitoring and notification equipment at each of the tower sites and data rooms. It is noted this pricing is under COSTARS pricing.

FUND ALLOCATION TO INDIANA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve funds in the amount of \$76,404.00 be allocated to the Indiana County Public Safety Academy to permit work to proceed on Security Enhancements Projects and that the grant proceeds then be used to repay the county funds. These projects have been recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as safety and security issues and FEMA Non-Profit Organization, Security Grant has been approved to cover this costs.

INTEROPERABILITY AND SITE SHARING AGREEMENT / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Indiana County for sharing of services and facilities for the operation of the individual public safety radio systems. This agreement will replace the current agreement entered into on May 1, 2002 and will continue this historic sharing of services and systems. The new agreement will be for a 20-year period.

AGREEMENT OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

At the request of Matthew Budash, County Solicitor, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Agreement of Sale of Real Estate for .31 acres land located in Ernest Borough for the amount of \$1.00 to Ernest Borough.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...TRI-COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

At the request of Robin Maryai, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith, and carried unanimously to appoint Larry Fannie and Gail Steck to the Tri-County Workforce Development Board; terms to expire September 30, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gorman announced there will be a courthouse open house on October 20th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Keith announce the local fairs will begin with the Indiana County Fair the week of August 28th – September 3rd. with Ox Hill and Cookport to follow.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman